

Symposium Programme

Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) as Places for People: Inclusive Infrastructures to Support Intersectionality in HEIs

Wednesday 20 May 2026,

Trinity College Dublin, Dargan Theatre, Trinity Business School

10:00	**Registration**

10.30	**Welcome and opening address - Prof Lorraine Leeson, Associate Vice-Provost for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, Trinity College Dublin**

10.45-11:30	**Keynote - HEIs as Places for People: Navigating the intersections of legislation, policy and experience through universal design**
	Chair: Liz Hughes *Associate Director - Head of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, RCSI* **Dr Deirdre McHugh,** *Universal Design Manager, University of Galway*

Comfort Break/Active Break 11:30-11:40
Daniel Twomey, Sport & Physical Activity Inclusion Officer, TCD

11:40-12:40	**Panel Discussion – Getting to and Through University**
	Chair: Brian Caulfield *Professor in Transportation, Trinity College Dublin* **Catherine Brophy-Walsh** *Public Domain Officer, Dublin City Council* **Jamie Millar** *Policy Officer, Wayfinding Centre, Vision Ireland* Q&A

12:40-13:00	**Keynote - Imagining the Future – Building Masterplans**
	Chair: Dr Siobán O'Brien Green *Head of EDI, Trinity College Dublin* **Mike Clark** *Director Estates and Facilities, Trinity College Dublin*

Lunch and Poster Session 13:00-13:45

13:45-14:30	**"Just One Thing" 3-minute Lightning Talks**
	Chair: Professor Yvonne Galligan MRIA, Emerita Fellow**,** *TU Dublin* **Dr Catherine Elliott O'Dare** *Assistant Professor Social Policy, TCD* **Cristina Boccardo** *Undergraduate Student Support Officer TCD,* **Jennifer Ndukwe** *TCD Student* **Faolán Doecke-Launders** *TCD Student Society DUNES* **Emmanuella Okafor, Beauty Ihekwereme** *TCD Students and Filmmakers* **Andrew Darcy,** *Student ASIAP TCPID, TCD* **Izzy Ó Tighearnán,** *University of Galway Student*

14:30-15:30	**Panel Discussion: Universal Design & the Built Heritage Environment**
	Chair: Colette Burns RIAI, *Architectural Lead for Campus Planning, TU Dublin* **Nicola Matthews** *Senior Architect, National Built Heritage Services, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage* **Declan Treanor** *Director, disAbility Service, TCD* **Emma Geoghegan** *Head of the Discipline of Architecture, TU Dublin* **Jeremy Upton** *Vice-Chair Coimbra Group Heritage Working Group, Director of Library & University Collections, University of Edinburgh* Q&A

Comfort Break/Active Break 15:30-15:40
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15:40-16:10	**From Learning to Action: Reflections from project partners and next steps**

16:10-16:15	**Farewell and close**

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